

Solar Electric Light Fund provides solar consulting services to Make it Right project in New Orleans

Washington D. C. – March 2008 - In 2008, **Brad Pitt** convened a group of experts in New Orleans to launch the building of 150 green affordable housing to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Having spent time with community leaders and displaced residents determined to return home, Pitt realized that an opportunity existed to build houses that were not only stronger and healthier, but that had less impact on the environment.

Previously, Pitt sponsored an architecture competition organized by **Global Green** with the goal of generating ideas about how to rebuild sustainably. Several of those designs are currently under construction in the Lower 9th Ward and the project inspired him to expand his efforts.

After discussing the hurdles associated with rebuilding in a devastated area, the group determined that a large-scale redevelopment project focused on green affordable housing and incorporating innovative design was indeed possible.

The group settled on the goal of constructing 150 homes (one of the larger rebuilding projects in the city), with an emphasis on developing an affordable system that could be replicated.

SELF is providing **consulting services** to the **Make it Right** project.

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